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Letter dated 13 May 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Yemen to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a note verbale from the Permanent Mission of Yemen to the United Nations addressed to all members of the Security Council, concerning an Iranian ship heading for the Yemeni port of Hodeidah (see annex).

I should be grateful for your assistance and cooperation in circulating the present letter and its annex to the distinguished members of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 13 May 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Yemen to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Yemen to the United Nations presents its compliments to all members of the Security Council and has the honour to refer to an Iranian ship that has departed from Bandar Abbas port in Iran, reportedly carrying 1,500 tons of relief supplies, 60 Iranian activists, seven international activists and crew heading for the Yemeni port of Hodeidah, without obtaining approval permits or visas from the Yemeni Government or the leadership of the Arab coalition to enter Yemeni territorial waters.

Iranian statements confirmed that the ship has departed Iran and they are threatening escalation if the ship is intercepted or harassed, as it is accompanied by an Iranian military vessel. Iran bears complete responsibility for any incident that arises from their attempt to enter Yemeni waters without the appropriate permits.

The Yemeni Government and the coalition forces do not object to aid shipments entering Yemen as long as they obtain the necessary permits from the legitimate Government of Yemen and are searched prior to entry.